



May
2026



“But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength...” -
Isaiah 40:31

*Rebuilding the Lives of Homeless Men
One Precious Soul at a Time*



A Message from our Director:

Psalm 68:19-20 Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior,
who daily bears our burdens.
Our God is a God who saves;
from the Sovereign Lord comes escape from death.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
I am reminded nearly every week how incredibly important it is to keep Calvary Rescue Mission open and the ministry to the men who come active and fresh. Life on the streets is incredibly hard and disheartening. Most of them have lost their homes, their jobs, their families and their hope. When they finally come to through our doors they learn that there is hope for not just a new life, but an abundant life in Christ. It is a rarity for a week to pass without at least one client telling us, "I just want you to know - Calvary Rescue Mission saved my life!"



Many of the men who come to our mission have lost everything and are ready to end it all. Some have shared that they had been contemplating suicide and had even decided how to end their life. However, after coming to Calvary, they found the hope that we all have in Christ Jesus and have released their burdens to our Lord, freeing themselves to live a renewed life and restored joy.

Harvest Church

Your prayers and your support make a huge difference!



Because of Calvary,
Dennis Rutledge, Executive Director

Our Volunteers!

Friends from Collierville



University of Illinois, Chicago, IL

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Client's Testimony - Walter Matlock Jr.

Walter Matlock Jr. was born in 1955 in Chicago, Illinois, into a difficult home. Early, his family lived with extended relatives in a small, crowded house. He grew up with four siblings, and while his parents worked hard to provide the essentials, they were often absent. As a result, Walter largely raised himself—feeling free, but lacking guidance and accountability.

Raised in a Baptist home and attending Catholic school, Walter was around church regularly. His grandfather was a pastor, but the message of the gospel never took root in his heart.

As a teenager, Walter's environment exposed him to crime and violence. By age 13, he got involved in gangs. What began as street fights and injuries escalated into guns and death. At 16, he was nearly killed in an attack that left him permanently blind in his right eye.

Walter graduated high school in 1972, married his high school sweetheart, and later had a daughter. Though he attempted to step back from gang life, he remained caught in a cycle of addiction and instability. When his daughter was eight, his wife divorced him due to his ongoing drug use and inability to provide for her. From there, his life spiraled further—deeper into gangs, drugs, and ultimately separation from his daughter until recently.

Over his lifetime, Walter was incarcerated eight times, serving 15 years total in prison. After his most recent release in 2021, he moved to Memphis but continued using drugs. He experienced homelessness, often eating out of garbage cans, choosing drugs over food or shelter. His addictions included heroin, cocaine, and pills.

In November 2025, Walter reached a breaking point. Searching for help, he found Calvary Rescue Mission, and that decision marked his last use of drugs.

Walter describes himself then as “defeated”—burdened by addiction, incarceration, and broken relationships. But at Calvary, he encountered something different: the presence of Christ, genuine love. Through chapel services and the brotherhood around him, his eyes were opened to the hope found in Jesus. He understood that his story didn't have to end in defeat—there was real victory in Christ.

Since November 2025, Walter has remained sober and is growing in his faith. He is now involved in a church and has restored his relationship with his daughter—they speak regularly, something he once thought was impossible.

Last month, Walter turned 71 years old—but in Christ, he is only months old. He has been born again, given a new life, a new purpose, and a living hope. Today, he calls Calvary his sanctuary, the place where God met him, rescued him, and began transforming his life.

Walter's story is a powerful reminder: it is never too late for God's grace.



Praise Report: Praise God for answered prayers. A very kind and caring donor gave us a whole cow which has been processed into ground beef and delivered to the mission.

Needs: Please pray for our supply of individual snacks, chips, fresh fruit and vegetables, Instant oatmeal, rolls of paper towels, hand sanitizer wipes, frozen biscuits, coffee and creamer.

Please pray: Please donate any men's summer clothes (t-shirts and shorts) to CRM.

Please pray: Shoe donations. (Men's sizes 9-13 are our most popular size).

Please pray: Please pray for more local churches to get involved by 'owning a night' at Calvary Rescue Mission. This involves providing the meal, serving the meal, and leading a chapel service.

NEEDS
&
PRAYERS

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WITHOUT IT COSTING YOU A PENNY!!!

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Kroger.com.communityrewards Our No. is XV227. We would appreciate you signing up with Kroger's listing Calvary Rescue Mission as your charity so we will receive a percentage of your purchases.

Last Quarter: \$1,001.90

Volunteer's Continued



Briarwood Community Church



Longview Baptist Church



Asbury Church, Tulsa, OK



Salt & Light Class - Central Church



Bellevue Baptist Church High School Choir

Memorial or Honorarium

Would you like to make a donation to either our Operating Fund or Building Fund in memory of a loved one, or in honor of someone. You can fill out the information and send with your donation in the enclosed envelope.

IN HONOR OF or IN MEMORY OF _____

Send acknowledgement to: _____
(relationship to person)

Address to send acknowledgement:: _____

“Volunteer Highlights”



Chicken Champions:

Robert & Julia Dean
 Frank Mitchell II
 Bill & Marsha Thompson
 Roger Watson

Want to become a
 Chicken
 Champion??

Sponsor the cost of
 supplies (\$250) for our
 monthly luncheon so that
 all money received at that
 luncheon goes into our
 Building Fund.

March

2026

Lodgings	2,039
Meals	6,117
Clothing	177
Saved	49

In **2025**, there were **523**
 men who made decisions to
 follow Christ!

One of our favorite volunteer groups who visit Calvary Rescue Mission is the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Nursing Students. They only come to the mission two to three times a year but it is always a treat for the men when they are here. They always arrive early and set up so that they can start working with the men as soon as check-in begins. The students conduct blood pressure screenings and a foot clinic, where they soak the men's feet, trim their toenails, work on calluses, check on any foot health issues, rub lotion on their feet and give them new socks. Because of the popularity of these visits we start a reservation sheet several days in advance of the student's visit to allow the men to reserve a time slot for their foot work. We also have to start the foot clinic an hour in advance of check-in to allow our staff members to get this special treatment on their feet. We are all so thankful for these students for making all of us feel so special and cared for!



Monthly Business Luncheons

Our May Luncheon will be **May 5th!** The Luncheon begins at **11:20 a.m.** Of course, we'll have our famous fried chicken and all the fixing's! We look forward to seeing you all at Calvary!

May 5th Luncheon: Speaker - **Jason Weatherly**, Board Member.

Following our normal Summer Break (June, July and August) our next Luncheon will be on **SEPTEMBER 1st.**

*SPECIAL TRAFFIC ADVISORY: We just learned recently that there will be **NO DIRECT ACCESS TO THIRD STREET** from I-55 for the next four months due to construction on that interchange. If you normally come to Calvary Rescue Mission by exiting the interstate and traveling north on Third Street, you will have to use an alternate route.*

I WANT TO BE A PART OF THE MIRACLE & PROVIDE A BETTER PLACE FOR HOMELESS MEN!

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 ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE NO. _____

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For a Total of \$ _____. Enclosed is my first payment of \$ _____. I want to make a One Time Donation of \$ _____.

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